

4. An improved shelf assembly for telecommunications network interface units, said shelf assembly including a printed circuit board for interconnecting customer lines with network service provider lines through said network interface units, said customer lines being connected to a customer interface module which is operatively connected to said printed circuit board, said network service provider lines being connected to said printed circuit board via connectors provided on said printed circuit board, said improvement comprising:

A¹ at least two customer interface module connectors provided on said printed circuit board, said customer interface module being selectively connected to either of said at least two customer interface module connectors to afford flexibility in mounting said shelf assembly.

5. The improved shelf assembly of Claim 4, further comprising a cover for said shelf assembly, said cover having at least two customer interface module receiving openings to allow said cover to be positioned over said shelf assembly when said customer interface module is connected to either of said at least two customer interface module connectors.

19. A method of mounting a wall telecommunications rack assembly in a difficult to access location, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a shelf assembly having at least a first customer interface module connector and a second customer interface module connector;

providing a customer interface module selectively and removably attachable to said shelf assembly; and

selectively attaching said customer interface module to one of said first customer interface module connector and said second customer interface module connector.